pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an industrial foundation to bridge the gap between the means for imparting technical education and the needs of the industry; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Government have so far not approved the scheme for setting up an Industrial Foundation.

(b) Does not arise.

Girl Students in Navodaya Vidyalayas

1491. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of girl students who are studying in Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country as on 31st January, 1988;

(b) whether Government are aware that parents are reluctant to send their daughters to schools as they do not like their daughters living in hostels with boys; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The number of girl students who were studying in Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country as on 31st January, 1988 is 988.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Ban on the advertisement on the sex determination test

1492. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 188 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that posters, advertising amniocentesis are pasted in local trains in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what setps if any, Government propose to take to check this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) (a) and (b) Information is being collected.

Establishment of Residential Polytechnic for Women in Orissa

1493. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa Government have requested the Central Government for the establishment of residential Polytechnic for women at Bhubaneswar in Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Orissa Government have assured availability of 40 acres of land for the said institute, if so, what action have so far been taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government have decided to set up residential Polytechnic in the country on regional basis in Central sector; and

(d) if so, how many such institutes have been proposed to set up in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCA-